

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES

DOCKET NO. 2020-3-E

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment or Gas Adjustment)

S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865 (Supp. 2019) established a procedure for annual hearings to allow the Commission and all interested parties to review the fuel purchasing practices and policies of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and for the Commission to determine if any adjustment in the fuel cost recovery mechanism is necessary and reasonable. Section 58-27-865(B) states, in part, "Upon conducting public hearings in accordance with the law, the Commission shall direct each company to place in effect in its base rate an amount designed to recover, during the succeeding twelve months, the fuel costs determined by the Commission to be appropriate for that period, adjusted for the over-recovery or under-recovery from the preceding twelve-month period." Coincident with this proceeding and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-39-140, the Commission will also determine whether an increase or decrease should be granted in the fuel cost component designed to recover the incremental or avoided costs incurred by the Company to implement the distributed energy resource program previously approved by the Commission.

On September 25, 2019, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) issued its (Directive Order No. 2019-691), and it approved the following motion in part:

Mr. Chairman, during the proceeding we heard from the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy's Witness Lander. Mr. Lander argued that the Company should, at a minimum, track its gas pipeline utilization at a more granular scale to see if there are opportunities to resell unused pipeline capacity. During the hearing, the Company's witness, Mr. Phipps, testified that the Company could track its gas pipeline utilization at a more granular scale to identify if there are opportunities to resell unused pipeline capacity. In future fuel cases, the Company should have such available hourly and daily metered usage readily available for production. Additionally, I move that the Commission require the Company to present evidence in its next fuel case regarding whether or not it can monetize the unused gas capacity on days when the system is not constrained. I firmly believe this [i]enquiry is important because of the potential benefit to ratepayers from sales of unused natural gas capacity.

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and S. C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865(B), on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **June 15, 2020**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2020-3-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and Heather S. Smith, Esquire, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 40 W. Broad Street, Suite 690, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, on or before **June 15, 2020**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2020-3-E.***

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and ***Docket No. 2020-3-E.***

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicants, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):

****** On or before **8/27/2020**, please provide the order of witnesses to be presented during the hearing, whether there is an objection to taking direct and rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony together during the hearing, and whether or not there is a desire to use panels of witnesses. ******

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **7/30/2020**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **8/20/2020**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **8/27/2020**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **9/3/2020**. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under **Docket No. 2020-3-E**.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the instructions contained herein could result in your proposed witnesses' testimony and exhibits being excluded in the subject proceeding. Additionally, please note that failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the DISMISSAL of your pleading.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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